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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Michael D. Derocher

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## **Preliminary Amendment**

## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Sir:

The Applicant hereby submits this Preliminary Amendment in response to the Office Action dated 04/07/03 for the parent case.

## I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-31 are pending.

Claims 32-39 have been withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction election in the parent case.